

LOCAL NEWS.

TIME TABLE—A. T. & S. F. R. R.	
GOING EAST.	
Passenger, 12:55 A.M.	Passenger, 8:55 A.M.
Passenger, 12:55 P.M.	Passenger, 2:55 P.M.
Freight, 2:50 P.M.	Freight, 1:30 P.M.
Freight, 7:00 A.M.	Freight, 1:15 A.M.

It is a cold dreary, hard winter, but you will observe spring come in with a boom.

Mrs. Hull, wife of Horace Hull, died at Cimarron, Kan., on Sunday last, of congestion of the lungs.

There will be a hop at Draper's Hall this Friday evening, in honor of C. W. Willett, who intends going East.

Hon. R. M. Wright was in the city Saturday and Sunday, and returned to his legislative duties at Topeka.

Two inches of beautiful snow fell Monday night, but it melted away in the warm sun of Tuesday and Wednesday.

We understand large quantities of brick will be made the coming season. The buildings this year will be erected of substantial material.

The Dodge City School Board has not purchased a "musical organ" or any kind of organ for anybody's edification—and don't intend to.

Four freight horses, belonging to John T. Riney, strayed last week while on the road to Supply. The driver had neglected to hobble the horses when he camped.

Extract from a letter from a Kinsley girl: "Dear Henry, you ask if I return your love. Yes, Henry, I have no use for it, and return it with many thanks. By-by, Henry."

The Dodge City Silver Mining Company is in embryo. Operations will be commenced early in the spring. Some portions of the claims are yet covered with snow.

There is a great deal of religion in this world that is like a life preserver, only put on at the moment of immediate danger and then half the time put on hind side before.

The ground is frozen down 22 inches, and the hard frost has no doubt killed the army of insects that infest the ground, and every year destroy potatoes and garden truck.

Archie Keach, freighter, who was supposed to be lost in the snow storm of the 8th inst., found a safe retreat in the woods, where he built a fire against the stormy blasts.

Wm. Rood, a railroad man, charged with burglary, was found guilty of petit larceny in the District Court. Col. Jones was his attorney, and by the way Jones is yanking the bun in the present court.

John McGill, alias Concho, charged with the killing of Henry Heck, in November last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, in the District Court on Monday. His sentence will be made to-day.

J. L. Cotton, a school teacher in Medicine Lodge, last week received a coat of tar, molasses and feathers, by a party of indignant citizens. Cotton had been tried and convicted of ravishing school girls.

Notwithstanding the report abroad that Western Kansas is a pauper, and dependent on the eastern part of the state for support, Pawnee county has shipped of one article of produce, viz, broom-corn, enough to bring in the snug little sum of \$45,000, and there are yet several cars to be shipped.

In some parts of the Western and North-western States the farmers are again burning corn for fuel, coal having gone up to starvation prices owing to a restricted supply and increased consumption. The burning of corn is not so wasteful a piece of business as it looks to a prejudiced person who objects on principle to the burning of an article of food while there are thousands of human beings in want of a meal. Two or three acres of corn will supply a family with a winter's fuel. The same corn sold and turned into wood or coal would not supply fuel for a month.

The weather has "hauled out" considerably and a number of our exchanges present a readable appearance—notably the Hays' Star.

The Arkansas Valley Editorial Association will hold its next meeting in Dodge City, Friday, May 13th. This will be a good opportunity for the people of Dodge City to display their generous generosity.

The Medicine Lodge Index hears complaints from all directions that cattle have drifted terribly during the late severe snow storms and cold weather. It will take some time and lots of hard riding for individuals to again round up their cattle.

When opening your mail this morning did you give a thought to the much-abused post office clerks, who got out of bed before the sun in order to accommodate you? If you didn't you are a heathen and ought to go there.

Hon. C. A. Morris, Receiver of the Land Office, at Larned, appeared in the throng at the Burns House, Topeka Monday, encased in a handsome overcoat, made of the skins of beavers, which had been killed in Pawnee County.

An Oregon farmer made considerable syrup from watermelons last year. The melons were run through a cider mill and the juice strained and boiled down. Watermelons make excellent syrup. We have tried them.

Hon. R. M. Wright, representative from Ford County in the Kansas Legislature, is Chairman of the Committee on Inter-State Commerce. He held this position twice before. All bills referring to the "Dead Line" and Texas Cattle are referred to his committee.

A fine quality of sand, suitable for plastering, has been discovered on M. Collar's premises. It has been tested by John Rowden, an experienced plasterer, and proves to be just the article for plastering, being of sharp particles or grains. The principal sand hereabouts is composed of round particles, and has not been considered excellent or suitable for plastering, as many plastered buildings prove by the falling and cracking plastering. The discovery of sand with acute body will be of great interest to contractors and builders, and people generally.

Rev. O. W. Wright delivered a discourse, Sunday evening, on the "Sabbath: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." He showed that a day of rest was essential from sanitary rules, supported by the scriptural injunction that the Sabbath day was a day of rest. We opine that many people are not "worked to death" on the six working days, and have little regard for the seventh day. The church building was quite full. Services were also held at the Union Church by Rev. H. G. Christ. Both congregations would have made over one hundred persons, which we take it that the people of Dodge have reverence for the Sabbath day—and go to church.

Lloyd Evans and Mary Evans, aged four years and two years respectively, children of R. W. Evans, were playing physician and patient Tuesday evening, and the bottle of laudanum was the pseudo doctor's elixir. This youthful prescriber gave his little sister over a teaspoonful of the opiate and took a small quantity himself. He said he gave his sister medicine for the earache, as the mother had applied the medicine externally the night before. Mrs. Evans had neglected to replace the bottle, and it becoming within reach of the children they determined to try its efficacy in large doses, about two tablespoonfuls being taken from the bottle. Proper antidotes were promptly given and the effects of the drug were destroyed without producing very bad effects. The children were kept awake until 12 o'clock and slept during the night normally. The pseudo dispenser of physic is a quaint specimen of the genus juvenile, being a "chip of the old block;" and no doubt he thought he was doing the proper thing in relieving little Mary of the earache.

SPEAREVILLE ITEMS.

—The young folks of Speareville invaded the house of our townsmen, Mr. Rittenhouse, and succeeded in effectually surprising the inmates. What a jolly time we had and how every one was fully pleased with the good time, your correspondent knows, being one of the number. Parlor games were the order of the evening and were entered into so heartily by every one, that success was the only thing possible. We have to commiserate the enthusiasm of one of the gentlemen, who in striving to catch a lady, missed the object of his pursuit and embraced the stove. At 11 o'clock the company indulged in a supper exceedingly flattering to the ladies, who provided it. Good night called our attention next and with many hearty invitations to return, we wended our way homeward thinking a surprise party the pleasantest way in the world of spending an evening.

—Uncle Jonas Stafford informed us the railroad company is going to enlarge the station house at this place for the accommodation of the large number of employees that will make their headquarters here during the summer.

—Our Presbyterian friends contemplate the building of a church during the early spring.

FEBRUARY WEATHER.

1st to 3d—chilly and damp.
4th to 7th—warm with threatening of rain.
8th to 12th—heavy rain or snow storm.
13th to 16th—clear and cold.
17th to 18th—prospect of general break-up.
19th to 20th—rain.
21st to 24th—warm and clearer.
25th to 28th—rain storm and high wind.
February does not promise to be a lovely month.

BUILDING SAND.

I have a fine article of sand, tested by a practical plasterer, which is just the article for plastering and building. It has sharp grains. M. COLLAR.

WINTER GOODS AT COST.

In order to make room for new goods, Marsh & Son are selling their winter stock of goods at cost; and many other goods at greatly reduced prices. Go and secure bargains while you have a chance.

A, No. 1 Apple Cider at Robbins', only 50 cents per gallon.

Prof. Tins' Almanac for 1881 is out. Besides the usual Almanac Matter, it contains the Forecasts of the Weather; their Wonderful Verifications in 1880; how to Guard Against Lightning; When it is Unsafe to Enter Deep Wells, Mines &c., how to Bake and Roast; Cause of Blight in Fruit Trees, and much other valuable matter. Altogether the present, surpasses any former issue in practical information. For sample copy and terms to the trade, send 20 cents to Thompson, Tice & Lilling ton, publishers, 5 0 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo.

Prepared Mince Meat and Apple Butter can be had at G. S. Emerson's store.

Boys who jump on trains can take warning from the mishap of a Kinsley boy, Robert Fetters, a twelve year old boy, that makes a practice of jumping on and off moving trains at Kinsley, fell between two cars of a construction train Tuesday, and was injured so badly that it was necessary to amputate his left hand. His head and face are badly cut and bruised, but it is thought that his injuries will not prove fatal.

Trumbull, Reynolds & Allen, dealers in seeds and agricultural implements, Kansas City, have sent us a descriptive catalogue and almanac for 1881. This house also deals in wagons, carriages and various kinds of machinery. Their Annual Catalogue is sent free on application.

Bellfont is the name of the new station located 5 miles East of Speareville. The station is three-quarters of a mile and not half a mile from W. C. Seward's place, as we stated last week. So our geography is not much wrong.

El. F. Colborn and wife have arrived at Hays City, and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Treat. El. will remain there a short time, and then repair to the Gunnison, where he will resume his mining operations.

Poor members of the Kansas Legislature are now wondering how to board at a \$5 a day hotel on a \$3 a day salary.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE.

The following petitions and bills have been presented:

Petition asking for the passage of a law regulating freight and fares on the railroads of the State of Kansas.

Petition for the passage of a law for the protection of quails.

Bill, an act to declare barbed wire fence a legal enclosure, and prevent injury to animals thereon.

An act to change the name of Hattie Endella Cattle to Hattie Endella Putnam.

An act to license dogs and providing for the payment of damages sustained in maiming or killing of sheep by dogs.

An act to amend section 18 of an act to revise and amend chapter 26 of laws of 1869, providing for the organization of cities of the third class, and to repeal chapter 108 of the General Statutes of 1868.

An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors except for medicinal, scientific or mechanical purposes; to provide for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for medicinal, scientific and mechanical purposes; to create a State constabulary for the enforcement of this act, and to prescribe their powers and duties.

An act to amend section 2, of an act entitled an act to amend section 7, defining the boundaries of the Ninth Judicial District, and to fix the term of court in the several counties thereof, and to attach counties to Pawnee county for judicial purposes, and to establish a term of court in Ness county.

An act to amend sec. 176, of the laws of the State of Kansas, approved March 12, 1879, providing quarantine ground for Texas cattle, and penalties for the violation of the same.

KANSAS WOOL GROWERS.

A State organization of the wool growers of Kansas was effected at Topeka on Tuesday. We extract the following from the proceedings:

H. R. Matthews has a large herd of sheep in Edwards County, Kansas. Mr. Matthews explained what caused scabs. That it was first caused by an insect, a parasite, and that tobacco juice would kill and cure it. In the matter of petitioning the Legislature to pass a law making owners of dogs liable for damages, and to prevent the spread of disease, he sustained the action of the meeting in urging such a law, stating that there had been brought into Kansas this year over 300,000 sheep, and that the demands for such a law would grow more urgent every year.

G. H. Wadsworth, of Pawnee county, said he dipped his sheep for scab, in two pints of arsenic, five pounds of sulphur, and seventy-five pounds of tobacco, and that it was the best cure he had found.

A Cimarron mother made the first pair of trousers for her son and heir. They were equally proportioned front and rear, and when he was brought to the fond father, the latter coolly observed: "Poor little fellow, he will not know whether he is going to school or coming home."

The Commonwealth says: "Many of the extreme western counties from which it was hardly expected that half the taxes would be collected, have made handsome returns, as our daily statements of the amounts paid show."

A bill is before the Legislature providing for a change in the time of holding township elections. We presume that the bill provides that the elections shall be held at general elections.

There was some sort of settlement between J. Q. Stultz and wife. The latter has withdrawn further proceedings in a suit for divorce. Stultz has gone to Nebraska and his wife has gone to Illinois.

Capt. Welch's singing skule is the Monday evening attraction. The class is too large, and the Captain proposes to make two classes.

The session of the District Court this week attracted quite a number of strangers on business before that tribunal.

The Hays Sentinel is one of our spiciest exchanges, and always strikes from the shoulder.

Township election Tuesday, February 1st. It is time to prepare your ballots.

Who will be State Constable in Dodge?

Dressed Turkeys, a fine lot, apply at G. S. Emerson's.